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25. M.R.Ry. P. J. Gnanavaram Pillai Avargal (Tanjore district).
26. „ T. K. Chidambaranatha Mudaliyar Avargal (Tinnevelly district).
27. „ Chavadi K. Subrahmanya Pillai Avargal (Tinnevelly district).
28. „ T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai Avargal (Trichinopoly district).
29. „ S. Arpudaswami Udayar Avargal (Trichinopoly district).
30. „ Khan Bahadur Kalif-ul-lah Sahib Bahadur (Trichinopoly district).

(*b*) & (*c*) M.R.Ry. B. Venkataratnam Garu resigned from the East Godavari District Committee in accordance with the decision of the Andhra Provincial Congress Committee that its members should not serve on the Committees.

Agriculture

Alleged heavy mortality of poultry in Trichinopoly and Tanjore districts.

*1069 *Q.*—Mr. S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether his attention has been drawn to the unprecedented mortality throughout the districts of Tanjore and Trichinopoly of poultry both in urban and rural areas;

(*b*) whether the disease appeared in the model poultry farms under the Agricultural department;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) be in the affirmative, what experiments were conducted in those farms and what remedies found out to arrest the progress of the disease; and

(*d*) whether any printed leaflets are available for circulation, to enlighten people as to the best method of combating this disease?

A.—(*a*) There was an outbreak at Karur, Trichinopoly district, at the end of January and a number of fowls died of diarrhœa.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise.

(*d*) No. Veterinary assistant surgeons treated the fowls taken to them.

Mr. S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR:—"Do I understand from the answer to clause (*a*) that other taluks of the district of Trichinopoly or Tanjore were not affected?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"Yes."

Mr. S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR:—"May I know whether the hon. the Minister will make enquiries regarding this outbreak?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"We have made enquiries and shall make further enquiries if necessary."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA:—"Are the Government aware that the same disease occurred at the same time in the Bellary district?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—" The answer to question (c) is 'does not arise.' May I know whether the Department of Agriculture ever came to know that there was a disease like that at that time in the Presidency ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" We called for a report on this particular item and the department have sent in their report."

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—" May I know whether they came to know of this disease only now or whether they knew of it at the time the disease was prevalent ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" They might have known of it before, but that does not concern us now."

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—" If they had known of it before, why then no experiments were conducted by them ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Presumably the outbreak has not been so severe."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" What department under the hon. Minister troubles itself about this question, Veterinary Department, Agricultural Department or Industries Department ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" The Departments of Agriculture and Veterinary."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" May I know whether any of those officers troubled themselves about poultry, its development, growth or disease ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" They do trouble themselves very much."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" May I know if any leaflet has been issued by the department as to how this epidemic might be overcome ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" The question will be considered."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" May I know what was the percentage of cures effected in regard to the cases treated ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" I must ask for notice."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" May I know why, if the departments under the hon. Minister troubled themselves very much, no reference was made in the reports of the Agricultural Department about poultry farming and their condition ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Perhaps the epidemic has not been severe."

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—" Will the Government prepare and issue some bulletins on some of these diseases ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" I will consider that."

Fisheries

Administration of the Fisheries Department in Malabar and South Kanara.

*1070 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of fish-curing yards, co-operative societies and schools under the management of the Fisheries Department in Malabar and South Kanara (separate figures) ;